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Conference This Week on Future of the Forest Service

More than 270 people will gather on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to reflect on 100 years of Forest Service history and look to the next 100 years of conservation. There will also be an emphasis on wilderness stewardship. Participants will hear presentations on evolving issues, cultural and social shifts as well as a history of the Agency and then work in smaller groups to explore the challenges, trends and possibilities of conservation in the coming century. The Forum is designed to promote an exchange of ideas through a combination of leader/expert presentations and open discussion sessions. Highlights of the discussion will be presented at the national Conservation Congress scheduled for Jan. 4-6, 2005 in Washington, D.C.

When: Nov. 9 from 8:30 am to an evening social and movie until 9:00 pm and Nov. 10 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Where: Events begin and end at the Wilma Theatre. Concurrent sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn-Parkside.

Who: Participants come from many arenas from advocacy groups and industry, academia and students, retirees and current Forest Service employees, and local, state and federal agencies. Presenters also represent a broad spectrum of people interested in the national forests and grasslands and their management.

The Forest Service will celebrate our Centennial in 2005 and recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Bill.

Web sites: www.fs.fed.us/centennial/regional

This site contains information and the agenda for the Missoula Forum as well as Forums occurring in the eight other regions in the nation.

www.fs.fed.us/newcentury

This is the site showcases many of the special activities occurring during the Centennial year.